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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BELGRADE, ROME, VIENNA,
MOSCOW, USUN, GENEVA FROM PARIS JULY 23:

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA FOR IAEA, AMEMBASSY ROME FOR FAO

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: AORG, UNESCO, PINR, PORS, UR, YO
SUBJECT: "FREE COSSACKIA" THREATS AGAINST TWO UNESCO
SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS

1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF UNESCO DEPUTY DIRECTOR
GENERAL JOHN FOBES, CHIEF OF UNESCO'S EUROPE AND NORTH
AMERICA DIV. (LEBAR, FRANCE) CONTACTED PERMDEL ON
EVENING JULY 22, 1976, TO REPORT THAT VLADIMIR VLASO-
VICH MSHVENYERADZE, SOVIET DIRECTOR, DIV. FOR INTERNA-
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DAVICO, YUGOSLAVE, UNESCO PRESS OFFICER, HAVE RECEIVED

LETTER THREATS FROM GROUP IDENTIFYING ITSELF AS "FREE COSSACKIA". SOVIET PERMANENT DELEGATION TO UNESCO ALERTED FOBES REGARDING THREAT AGAINST MSHVENYERADZE.

2. LEBAR PASSED PERMDEL XEROX COPY OF LETTER. LETTER-HEAD READS: "FREE COSSACKIA, BOX 1095, GRAND CENTRAL STATION P.O., NEW YORK, 10017.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER, MINUS FEW PREPOSITIONS:

A. "JOINT STAFF OF THE COMBAT ORGANIZATION (OB WP) FREE POLAND, THE COSSACK DEFENSE DEPARTMENT (OKO) FREE COSSACKIA, THE SLOVAK REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (SRA) FREE SLOVAKIA, AND THE CROATIAN LIBERATION ARMY (HOV) FREE CROATIA, REPRESENTED BY UNDERSIGNED ON BASIS OF JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL FOUR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT, SINCE NINE OF OUR COMBATANTS HAVE BEEN CLANDESTINELY MURDERED IN WESTERN EUROPE IN RECENT MONTHS, WE SOON SHALL BEGIN WITH AN APPROPRIATE RETALIATORY ACTIONS AGAINST THE TOP (AND WORST) AGENTS OF THE KGB AND ITS SERVANT SERVICES OF THE SB MSW, THE CZECH SB, AND THE UDBA.

WE WARN YOU PERSONALLY, THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN SUBVERSIVE AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY, YOU NOW IN SERIOUS DANGER WHILE STAYING IN WESTERN EUROPE.

YOU HAVE CHOICE AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION: EITHER YOU WILL GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY OR YOU WILL SEND US A LETTER STATING THAT YOU READY TO DEFECT AND STEP OVER TO OUR SIDE. WE WILL THEN CONTACT YOU IN YOUR PLACE.

B. DECISION MUST BE MADE WITHIN 7 DAYS UPON RECEIVING THIS LETTER. WE CANNOT FORESEE WHAT KIND OF DANGER YOU PUT YOURSELF INTO IF YOU SHALL NOT FOLLOW OUR ADVICE.

DESPITE YOUR WORK FOR BENEFIT OF SOVIET RULE NOW, WE SOMEHOW DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU FULLY COMMITTED TO THE BOLSHEVISTS. ON CONTRARY, WE CERTAIN THERE STILL REMAINS ENOUGH OF NATIONAL FEELINGS IN YOU, CONFIDENTIAL

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EITHER RUSSIAN, POLISH, COSSACK, BYELORUSSIAN, UKRANIAN, SLOVAK, CZECH, CROATIAN, SERBIAN, OR OTHER - AND, MORE TO IT, IF EVEN A LITTLE OF FAITH IN OUR ALLMIGHTY GOD, ENOUGH TO STAND IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF ANY ENSLAVED NATION WHICH SUFFERS IN YOKE OF KGB AND OF COMMUNIST PARTY. IF YOU STILL HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE AND HONESTY, IF YOU HAVE READ A.I. SOLZHENITSYN, IF YOUR HEARTH IS STILL CLOSER TO TRUTH, INSTEAD TO THE LIE

AGAINST YOUR VERY OWN CONSCIENCE, WE CALL UPON YOU TO ANSWER AND TO DECLARE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH US.

C. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO WRITE US A LETTER. WE DO NOT SELL OUR FRIENDS. IN YOUR LETTER, PLEASE REFER TO THE NUMBER B1168, WHICH IS YOUR NUMBER IN OUR FILES."

4. LETTER SIGNED BY:

(A) COMBAT ORGANIZATION
FREE POLAND (OB WP)
CHIEF OF EUROPEAN REGION
ANATOL KAREWICZ

(B) SLOVAK REVOLUTIONARY ARMY
FREE SLOVAKIA (SRA)
CHIEF OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS
JAKUB KARDOS

(C) COSSACK DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
FREE COSSACKIA (OKO)
CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
CLIMENT IVANOVICH OSTAPOV

(D) CROATIAN LIBERATION ARMY
FREE CROATIA (HOV)
CHIEF OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS
KRESIMIR BEGOVIC

(PERMDEL COMMENT: ON XEROX COPY OF LETTER PASSED TO US, IS WORD, IN CYRILLIC: "POLUCHIK", MEANING RECEIVED FOLLOWED BY "20.VI. 1976". IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THIS IS MSHVENYERADZE'S NOTATION OR WAS WRITTEN BY MEMBER OF SOVIET DELEGATION. DELOFF CONTACT LEBAR
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TO INQUIRE IF ROMAN NUMBER VI IS MISTAKE, AS THIS WOULD MEAN LETTER RECEIVED OVER ONE MONTH AGO. LEBAR SAID HE WAS TOLD LETTER RECEIVED ON 20 JULY.)

5. PERMDEL REQUESTS DEPT INITIATE NAME CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES FOR INFO ON FOUR ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONS PURPORTED TO REPRESENT THESE ORGANIZATIONS, CITED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. REPLY SHOULD INCLUDE WHAT INFO MAY BE PASSED TO DDG FOBES AND, IN TURN, WHAT FOBES CAN USE WITHIN UNESCO SECRETARIAT AND WITH SOVIET AND YUGO-SLAV PERMANENT DELEGATIONS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF SOVIETS AND/OR EASTERN EUROPEAN OFFICIALS AT UN OR ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES RECEIVE IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR LETTERS OF THREAT.

7. AMEMBASSY VIENNA, AMEMBASSY ROME: YOU MAY WISH
BRIEF SENIOR US OFFICIAL AT IAEA AND FAO, RESPECTIVELY
ON CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE. GAMMON UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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